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Soapbox Speakers Discuss Presence Of CIA Interviewer

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The theme of Soapbox Sound-
f Wednesday was the contro-
versy over one of the Central
Intelligence Agency's (CIA)
agents being on campus for job
interviews.

An audience of about 150 per-
sons gathered in the Union
oldfeather Lobby to see the
show.

The usual soap opera players
are on hand when the first
speaker, Marc Firstenberg, Al-
bany, N.Y., mounted the soap-
box stage. He announced that
the show would concern "the
case of the secret agent man."

The other speaker sharing the
top billing with Firstenberg was
Richard Dickens, E3, Daven-
port.

A large supporting cast ex-
changed sarcastic dialogue with
the four stars of the show, but
few left the audience to speak
from the stage.

Most of the audience and cast
wore coats because of the cold
air which came into the lobby
each time the doors were open-
ed.

The four speakers used strong
language in letting their views
be heard concerning the CIA
agent.

One patriotic speaker, First-
enberg, said that students should
picket outside the building where
the CIA agent was in an at-
tempt to block those who were
to be interviewed. He compar-
ed this protest to the colonists'
blocking the British at the Bat-
tle of Concord.

Dickens disagreed with this
act of patriotism and suggested
that the Union set aside a spe-
cial room for the protesters to
protest in.

"They could have sit-ins, lie-
ins, and could march around the
room picketing themselves and
have a helluva good time with-
out bothering the rest of us,"
he said.

Many times during the show
they ad-libbed instead of stick-
ing to the script.

Such changes as "What were
the current campus scum fash-
ions?" and "Is Denmark an is-
land or a peninsula?" were com-
monplace.

At one point the show took on
a religious tone when one of
the speakers made four irrever-
ent references to the Diety in
less than a minute.

Profanities, shouting, and name-
calling dominated the action
throughout the show.

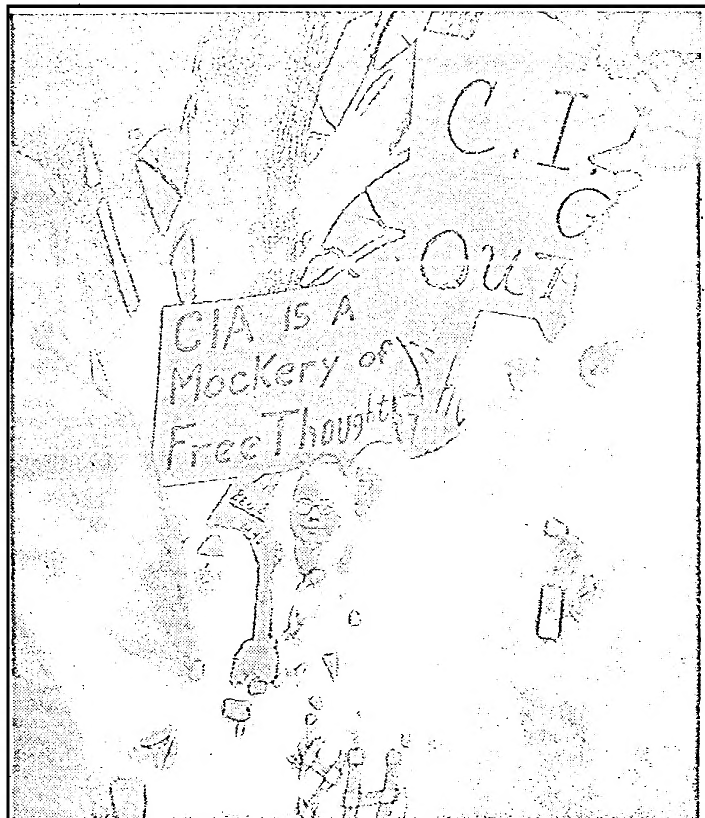
The climax was reached when
many in the audience left for
1:30 classes or to go someplace
where it was warmer, and the
protesters left to picket the CIA
agent's headquarters.

At the end of the show some-
one suggested a way of protest-
ing those who were protesting.
He told the audience that "when
the scum have a lie-in, we should
have a lie-on."

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STUDENTS PROTESTING THE PRESENCE of a CIA recruiter on campus picket
Gilmore Hall Temporary A, where student interviews were being held Wednesday aft-
ernoon. A dozen sign-carrying demonstrators braved low temperatures to protest the
CIA visit, which they contend is a "mockery of academic honesty." There were no
interruptions in interview scheduling, according to CIA recruiter Charles Pecinovsky.

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